

REMARKS

The above amendments and following remarks are submitted in response to the Second Official Action of the Examiner (i.e. Paper No. 5) mailed April 6, 2001. Having addressed all objections and grounds of rejection, claims 1-20, being all the pending claims, are now deemed in condition for allowance. Reconsideration to that end is respectfully requested.

The Examiner has objected to a number of formal matters concerning the drawings as filed. Enclosed herewith for the approval of the Examiner are modified versions of Figs. 4, 6, 9, and 10, along with marked up copies of the originally filed figures, showing these modifications. These drawing modifications consist solely of reference numeral changes. No new matter has been added. Substitute formal drawings will be filed upon allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner has objected to the specification concerning a number of formal matters. In addition, a number of drawing modifications were necessitated by the above modifications to the drawings. In view of the large number of small changes, a substitute specification has been provided above. No new matter has been added. Support for these amendments is found within Appendix A.

Claim 8 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The above amendment to claim 8 is deemed completely responsive to this rejection.

The Examiner has made a provisional double patenting rejection under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. However, because none of the subject claims have been allowed, the Examiner has correctly noted that this rejection is provisional and can be treated at a later date. The undersigned is amenable to submitting a terminal disclaimer upon allowance of all pending claims.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-20 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Cool ICE User's Guide Release 1.0. In response thereto, Applicant has amended claims 1-6, 11-12, and 15-16 to more clearly and precisely define that all pending claims are limited to apparatus and methods for granting access to only portions of the data base.

As previously argued within Paper No. 4, the security facilities of Cool ICE Release 1.0 operate upon permitting or preventing operation of specific service requests without regard to the actual data to be accessed, whereas the present invention permits or limits access to specific data without regard to the actual operation to be performed.

In response to this argument, the Examiner states at page 14, paragraph 31, (2), which reads in part:

In response, the limitation to "control availability of specific portions of the data base" does not seem to be in the claims.

Thus, claims 1-20 are now deemed patentable over the prior art of record because they are now more explicitly limited by this novel feature.

Having thus responded to each objection and ground of rejection, Applicants respectfully request entry of this amendment and allowance of claims 1-20, being the only pending claims.

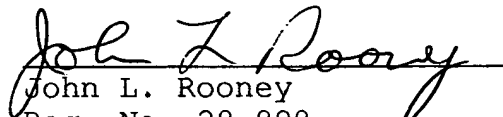
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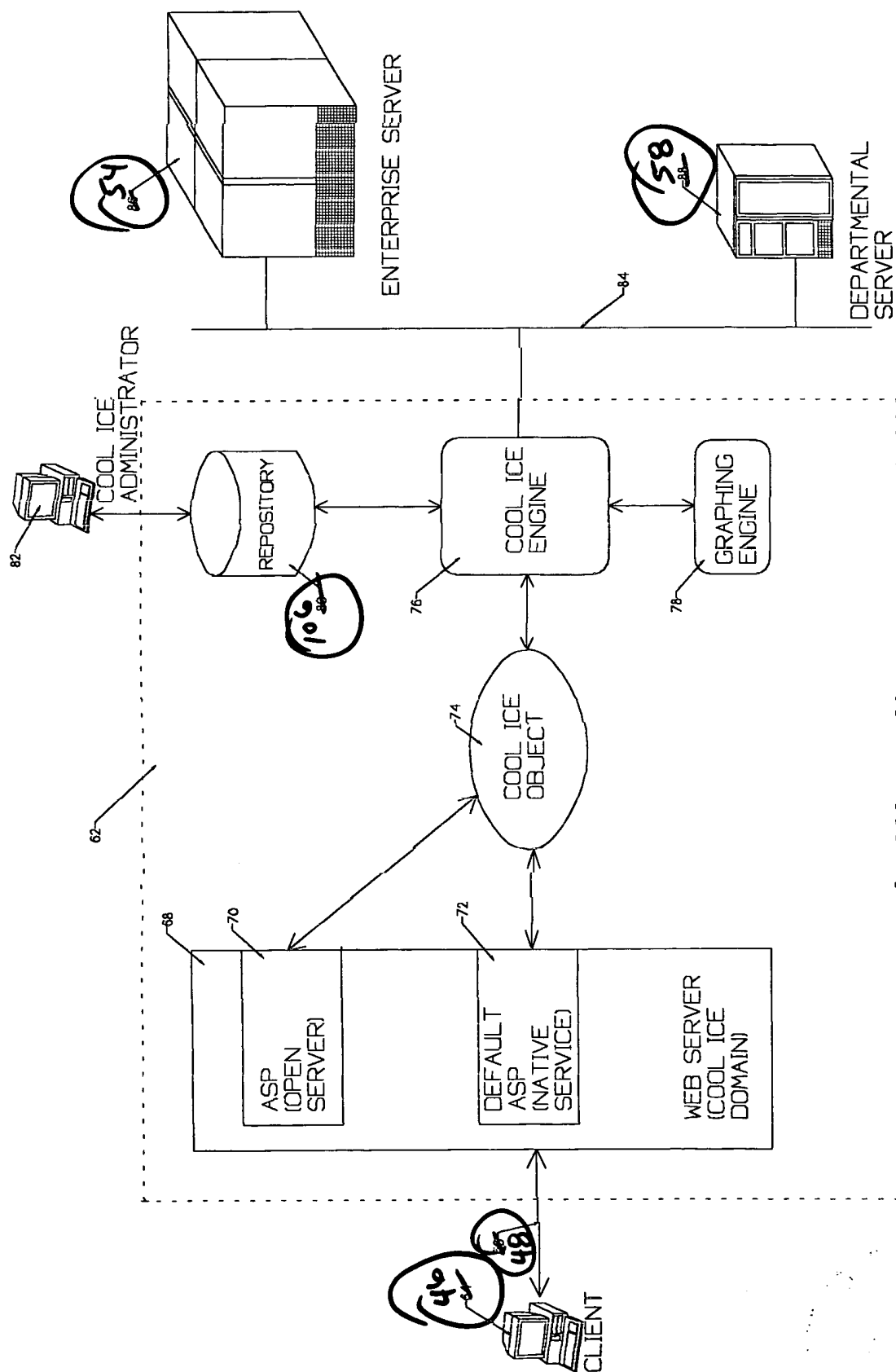


FIG. 4

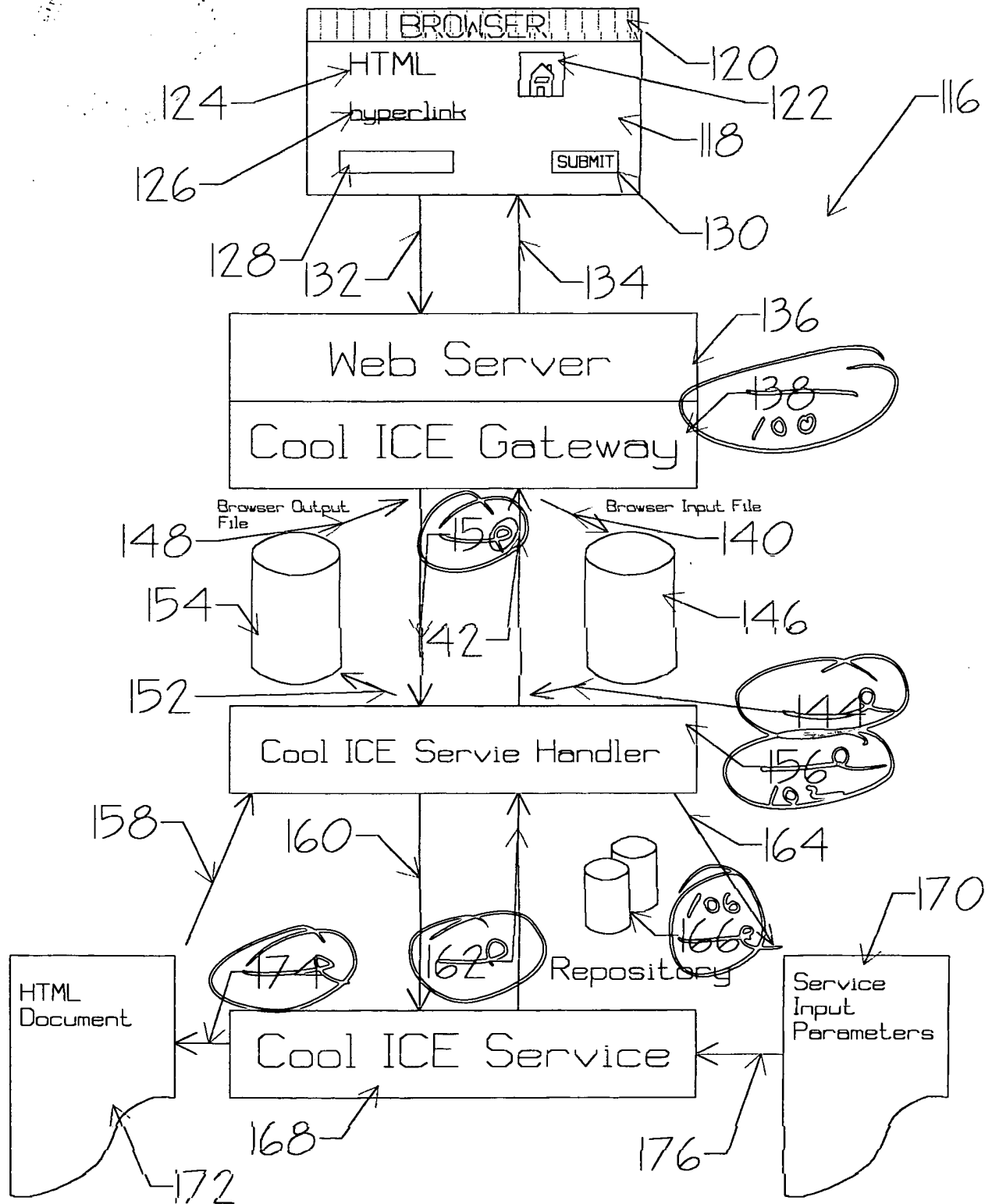


FIG. 6

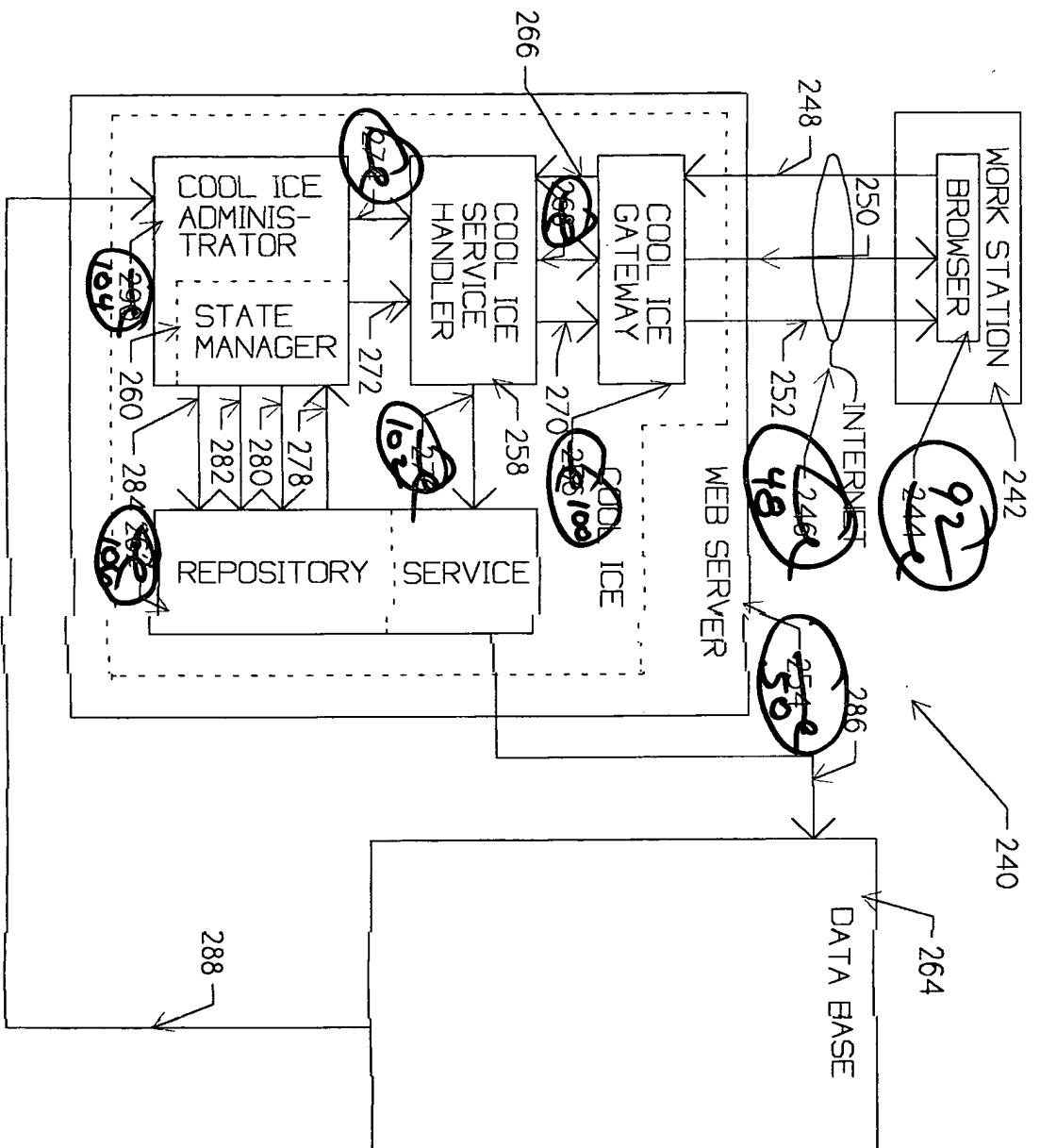


FIG. 9

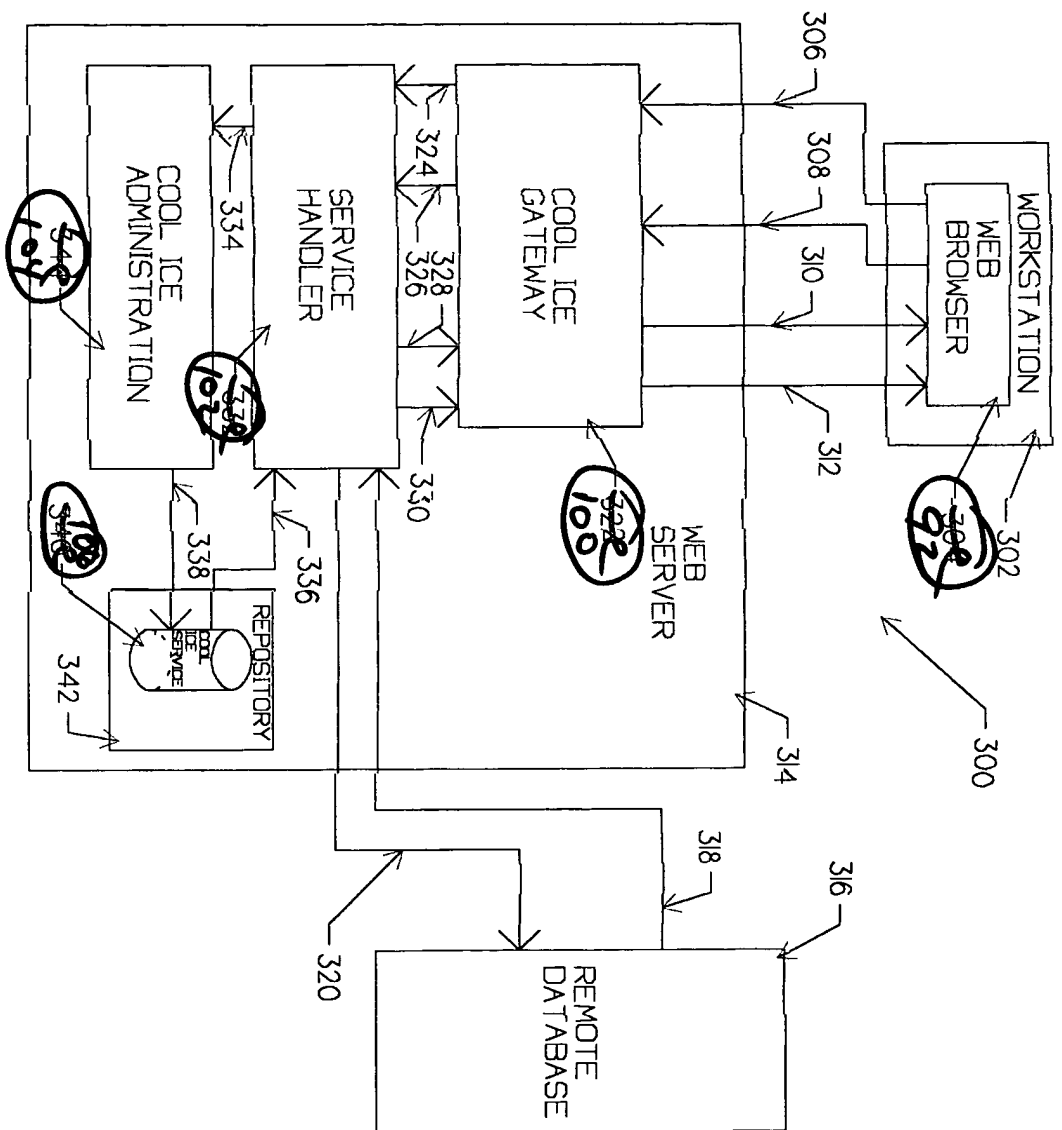


FIG. 10